

Announcement of New Special Masters

December 8, 2005

Chief Judge Damich is pleased to announce that the Court has approved the appointment of three special masters: Denise Vowell, Patricia Campbell-Smith, and Christian Moran.

Denise Vowell is currently the Chief Trial Judge, U.S. Army. She has been an Associate Judge of the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals and the Chief of the Tort Claims Division of the U.S. Army Claims Service. She was also Chief of the Tort Branch of the Army Litigation Division.

Patricia Campbell-Smith is currently law clerk to Judge Emily Hewitt. Trish was in private practice before coming to the court in which, in particular, she gained experience in toxic tort litigation. She drafted advisory opinions for petrochemical clients regarding environmental issues and conducted and managed discovery in asbestos and vinyl chloride cases. She also clerked for two federal district judges in the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Christian Moran is currently a trial attorney in the civil division of the Department of Justice, where he had practiced for five years. Prior to that, he was law clerk to Judge Edward Damich. Before coming to the court, he was in private practice for four years, in particular, representing plaintiffs in tort cases, including cases based on medical malpractice and exposure to lead paint. He also represented claimants in workers' compensation cases. He clerked for a judge of the Connecticut Superior Court.

The Court extends a warm welcome to our new special masters.